(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) The two sides had discussed the issue of illegal immigration as well as the question of the return of Chakma refugees during the visit of the Bangladesh Prime Minister to India in May, 1992. There was broad agreement on the approach to be adopted and the concerned officials of both sides are to meet to work out the operational details in tackling these two problems.

Prime Minister's visit to China

1512. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any invitation pending from China to the Prime Minister to visit that country; and

(b) whether Government have any specific proposal to launch a wide programmes to convince the international Community that N.P.T. is discriminatory and it will not lead to world peace unless the stock file of all nuclear weapons are totally destroyed if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) The Chinese Premier Mr. Li-Peng has invited the Prime Minister to visit China. The invitation has been accepted in principle.

(b) Government's views on the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (N.P.T.) have been reiterated a number of times both in bilateral dialogue and in multilateral fora. India has not signed the NPT because its provisions are discriminatory. During the Prime Minister's recent visit to Japan, in his discussions with Prime Minister Miyazawa, the Prime Minister drew attention to the fact that the NPT is coming up for review in 1995 and the treaty should be revised to remove its discriminatory elements. It is too early to state what position will be taken by State Parties the NPT who will participate in the NPT Review exercise.

Bill to amend passport Act

1513. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a Bill to amend the Passport Act; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Amendment Bill is designed to improve the passport facilities and deter violations of the Passport Act.

मानवाधिकारों का कथित उ लघन

1514. **श्री शांति त्यागी :** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत सरकार इस बात से अवगत है कि भारत में मानवाधिकारों के कथित उल्लंघन की, जून के अंतिम सप्ताह में अमरीका की प्रतिनिधि सभा में गंभीर आलोचना की गई थी ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या इस संदर्भ में भारत को अमरीकी सहायता की राशि में कटौती करने के लिए कोई प्रस्ताव भी पारित किया गया है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो भारत सरकार की उस पर क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एदुआर्दो फेलेरियो) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) अमरीका के हाउस आफ रिप्रेजेंटेटिव में जून में वित्तीय वर्ष 1993 के लिए विदेशी सहायता विधेयक पर बहस के दौरान कुछ कांग्रेस सदस्यों ने पंजाब और कश्मीर में मानवाधिकार उल्लंघन के बारे में बहुत बढ़ा-चढ़ा कर और दुराग्रह-प्रेरित आरोप लगाए थे ।

(ग) वित्तीय वर्ष 1993 में विकास सहायता कार्यक्रम के लिए कुल आवंटित राशि में से यूएस डालर 24 मिलियन की कटौती के संबंध में कांग्रेस सदस्य डान बर्टन द्वारा प्रस्तावित संशोधन स्वीकार कर लिया गया था ।

(घ) सरकार ने इस संशोधन के पाठ की सावधानी पूर्वक जांच की है जिस में किसी देश का नाम नहीं लिया गया है । सरकार का यह विचार है कि इस संशोधन से भारत को मिलने वाली अमरीकी सहायता पर कोई विशेष प्रभाव नहीं पड़ेगा ।

Army personnel/civilians in Pakistani prisons

1515. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of army personnel and civilians in Pakistani prisons and the period of their detentions and the charges made against them by the Government of Pakistan;

(b) the efforts made by the Government to get them released and bring back to India; and

(c) what efforts Government are making for the welfare of suffering families living in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) According to available information, at present 54 missing Indian Defence personnel and approximately 936 civilian prisoners are believed to be in custody in Pakistan. Our defence personnel have been missing since the 1965 and 1971 conflicts. The period of detention of, and charges against, civilian prisoners vary from case to case.

(b) and (c) While Government have extended certain facilities to families of specified categories of prisoners, the question of the early release and repatriation of all Indian prisoners under detention in Pakistan has repeatedly been taken up with the Government of Pakistan.

Indian aid package for Bhutan

1516. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Aid Package for Bhutan's Seventh Five Year Plan (1992—97) has been finalised; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Functioning of Passport office at Kozhikode

1517. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received any representation regarding the functioning of passport office at Kozhikode;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;